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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/545,564; Filed: April 7, 2000
(a continuation-in-part of 09/260,079)
For: **Patent-Related Tools and Methodology for
Use in Research and Development Projects**
Inventors: Germeraad *et al.*
Our Ref: 1531.0310001

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3. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
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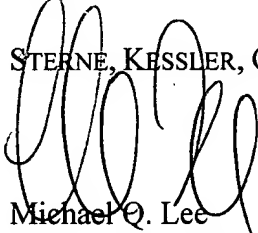
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Respectfully submitted,

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| Application Number | 09/545,564 (a continuation-in-part of 09/260,079) |
| Filing Date | April 7, 2000 |
| Inventors | Germeraad et al. |
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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 123 | 130 | 123 | 130 | Petitions related to provisional applications |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 581 | 40 | 481 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application |

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| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
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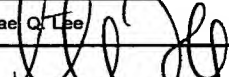
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| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim |
| 108 | 84 | 209 | 42 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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